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In re the application of: Walter Funk et al.

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Half-Molecules and Mutants Thereof

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/a T. Gray

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action (Appendices A - C) dated May 9, 2001.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$460.00 based on small entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

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